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Where Can I Find Information About the New Trap Regulations for Recreational Crabbing?



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Crabbing Regulations

Q: I have a few questions about the new trap regulations for recreational crabbing that took effect on November 1. Why the new regulations? Where can I find information about the new requirements for marker buoys, main buoys and validations?

A: We appreciate your interest in keeping up to date on recreational crabbing regulations. The new regulations are spelled out in California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14, sections 29.80 and 29.85. They were adopted to address entanglement risk in the recreational fishery and to minimize interaction potential with protected whales and sea turtles. The regulations establish a validation stamp requirement, trap limit, trap service interval, new trap marking requirements, and new authority for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to temporarily limit the use of crab traps in times of increased entanglement risk. A full background report and rationale is available on the California Fish and Game Commission's website. You can find answers to the most commonly asked questions about the new regulations on our crab fishery web page.

Hunter Education

Q: I was looking for information about hunting wild pigs in California and came across a YouTube video with wildlife officers providing just the information I needed! Are there other videos like this and if so, where can I find them?

A: It sounds like you watched a recording of CDFW's Advanced Hunter Education (AHE) webinar titled "Wild Pig Hunting on Public Lands." This webinar is one in a series of CDFW Advanced Hunter Education webinars which launched about a year ago. Each webinar is about an hour long and focuses on a particular hunting related topic. Some of the topics covered so far include turkey hunting 101, virtual scouting and Zone D11, D13 and D15 deer hunting opportunities. You can sign up to participate in upcoming webinars at wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education/Advanced. Additionally, you can view recordings of prior webinars by searching for "AHE" titled videos on CDFW's YouTube channel.

CDFW's R3 (which stands for recruit, retain and reactivate) program also offers a virtual seminar series called the R3 Harvest Huddle Hour (R3H3). R3H3 seminars are focused on people new to

hunting, fishing, foraging and shooting sports. You can register for these events by clicking on the calendar events listed on the R3 webpage. Past recordings can be found here (<https://wildlife.ca.gov/r3#547882697-harvest-huddle-hour-r3h3>). You may also find resources listed under the 'hunting' tab useful too, like this older guide on hunting pigs (<https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=23231&inline>) (PDF) in California.

Rattlesnakes

Q: I followed the news story about the Santa Rosa resident who found dozens of rattlesnakes under his home. Should I be worried about rattlesnakes under my house? Are rattlesnakes aggressive?

A: It's perfectly natural, and perhaps even an innate human reaction, to feel worried when hearing a story about a California resident finding so many potentially dangerous snakes so close. In general, rattlesnakes are not aggressive. They avoid conflict to the best of their ability because they don't want to risk injury or death in a battle or to waste venom by biting something that isn't prey. The most familiar way rattlesnakes

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avoid conflict is signaling their presence by rattling and taking a defensive coiled posture when a potential threat gets too close for comfort. If left alone, they will move away from the threat, not toward it. A lot of bites occur when people are trying to kill or move rattlesnakes. However, not all bites involve envenomation. They will sometimes “dry bite” as a warning. Rattlesnakes are distributed broadly across the state but are typically found in open habitats like grasslands, savanna and desert, often in and around rock outcrops when available. When they are found in homes and

yards, it's usually along a wildland-urban interface. However, coming across a den under a house like the one in Santa Rosa is incredibly rare. It's important to recognize that rattlesnakes don't seek out or prefer to live near people, but they will den under a home if there is an abundance of prey and if it's the best available habitat in an area. The Santa Rosa story is a good reminder that we should be mindful of our surroundings when we spend time outdoors and around our homes, especially during warmer weather. Residents can make their yards rattlesnake safe by remov-

ing objects that attract them and their prey. This can include keeping vegetation away from fences, removing piles of boards or rocks around the home and repairing any holes in vents or other potential access points. For more information on rattlesnakes in California, please visit wildlife.ca.gov/Keep-Me-Wild/Rattlesnakes.



If you have a question you would like to see answered in the California Outdoors Q and A column, email it to CalOutdoors@wildlife.ca.gov.

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(STATEPOINT) It may be the season of cheer, but for many, the holidays are rife with anxiety about expenses. A recent survey shows that staying on budget is Americans' top concern this holiday season, followed by incurring long-term debt, shipping costs and being charged late or hidden fees.

Here are five tips to protect your holiday budget:

1. Set a spending cap with friends and family. Americans plan to spend \$998 on gifts this holiday season, according to the National Retail Federation. 'Tis the season for giving, but make sure you don't overspend. Know your budget up front and communicate that with loved ones. Another idea to limit spending is to put everyone's name into a hat. Each person draws one name and buys a gift for just the person they selected. You can add a bit of intrigue by keeping the identity of your recipient a secret until

you open gifts!

2. Take advantage of deal days. Timing is everything for getting the best prices. Do your homework in advance to pay significantly less. The typical big sales

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4. Track when products are discounted with a browser extension. Do you want the best deals but don't have the time to spend searching for them? There are extensions you can download on web browsers that will compare prices and even apply the best coupon codes at checkout.

5. Use credit card rewards. You've

earned those points throughout the year and now is a great time to cash them in. The simplest way to use points is for gift cards, as it's one of the top requested gifts and there are many categories to choose from, including restaurants, clothing and grocery stores. Another option is to take advantage of the money saved from a statement credit to cover the expense of holiday gifts.

Being mindful of your spending now can help you have a low-stress holiday season and start the new year off on the right foot. ♦

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Managing Grief During the Holidays

(FAMILY FEATURES) The holidays, as well as birthdays and other celebrations, are often difficult for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one, particularly during the first year of adjusting to life without them.

The holiday season may result in a renewed sense of grief, especially as well-intentioned individuals are encouraging those who are grieving to participate in traditional festivities. While there can be joy in being together with family and friends, the holidays can also bring feelings of sadness, loss and emptiness.

For those who find themselves struggling with grief during the holidays and other celebrations, consider these ideas



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from Remembering a Life, an online resource from the experts at the National Funeral Directors Association.

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Overall management of Head Start & Partnership programs. AA/BA in Child Development or related field preferred. Must meet req. for Site Supervisor permit. 3 Infant Toddler units req. F/T 40 hrs./wk. M-Fri. \$20.00-\$22.05/hr.

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CENTER DIRECTOR, Eureka, McKinleyville

Overall management of a Head Start center base program. Must meet Teacher Level on Child Development Permit Matrix, plus 3 units in Administration (AA req. BA/BS Degree in Child Development or a related field preferred). Req. a min. of 2 yrs. exp. working w/ preschool children in a group setting. F/T 40 hrs./wk. Mon-Fri (8am-4:30pm); \$20.00-\$22.05/hr.

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ASSOCIATE TEACHERS, Redway, Orleans

Assists teacher in the implementation & supervision of activities for preschool children. Req. a min. of 12 ECE units—including core classes—and at least 1-yr. exp. working w/ children. Redway: F/T 32 hrs./wk. Orleans: F/T 32 hrs./wk. \$17.00-\$17.85/hr.

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TEACHERS, Eureka (Temp), Arcata

Responsible for development & implementation of classroom activities for toddler age children. Must have 12 core in ECE/CD (with 3 units in Infant/Toddler Development or Curriculum), meet Associate Teacher Level on the Child Development Permit Matrix, and have 1-yr. exp. teaching in a toddler setting. P/T positions, 28 hrs./wk. M-F \$17.50-\$19.30/hr. **Open Until Filled.**

TEAM TEACHER, Arcata

Responsible for the development & implementation of classroom activities for toddler age children. Must have 12 core in ECE/CD (with 3 units in Infant/Toddler Development or Curriculum), meet Associate Teacher level on Child Development Permit Matrix, and have

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ASSISTANT TEACHERS, Arcata

Assist teacher in the implementation & supervision of activities for toddler age children. Min. of 6-12 ECE units preferred, not required, & 6 months' exp. working w/ children. P/T 25 hrs./wk. M-Fri (7:30am-12:30pm), \$15.00-16.54/hr. **Open Until Filled.**

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Managing Grief

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away. Don't be afraid to talk about grief with others. Confiding in close family and friends can help a grieving person feel heard and understood.

Establish Boundaries During the Holidays

Friends and family may encourage a grieving person to participate in the holiday just as they normally would. While these intentions are typically good, it is important for the bereaved to set boundaries and focus on what they want. While grieving, one should openly and honestly discuss wishes with friends and family and clarify what they are comfortable with and have the emotional bandwidth to do.

Acknowledge the Loss

Families can find ways to honor their loved one's physical absence during holiday celebrations by incorporating their spirit into celebrations and holiday traditions. Examples of this could be decorating ornaments in ways that are symbolic of a loved one, cooking their favorite meal or making a memorial donation to a favorite charity.

Reflect On and Embrace Fond Memories

Memories of a loved one, both from the holidays and other special times, are an important legacy. Rather than ignoring these memories, talk about them with family and friends. It's OK to laugh and it's OK to cry. One way to facilitate this activity is with Remembering A Life's Have the Talk of a Lifetime Conversation Cards, which can help families share stories and memories about loved ones and themselves. It can make for a meaningful activity during holiday gatherings.

It is important to remember that even though an individual may be grieving, they can still celebrate and enjoy the holidays. Find support and resources for grief during the holidays and other special times of the year at RememberingALife.com. ♦

How to Bring New Life to Classic Holiday Traditions



Statepoint.net

(STATEPOINT) Bringing new life to classic holiday traditions starts with understanding the origins of how these traditions came to be.

The Olesen family of O&H Danish Bakery knows how important it is to share such stories. The family-owned and operated bakery is offering fun facts and inspiration for celebrating classic Christmas traditions. And because some of these particular traditions are Danish, you'll also be embracing "hygge." Pronounced "hoo-ga," this Nordic concept is all about creating a cozy atmosphere and enjoying the good things in life.

Something Sweet

Forty-four percent of people in a survey commissioned by O&H Danish Bakery and conducted by SWNS Media Group and OnePoll say the holiday spirit wouldn't be the same if they didn't have their traditional holiday dessert. For many families, that dessert is Kringle. Approximately 43% of respondents in the same survey enjoy this treat – which is made of 36 layers of butter and pastry – on Christmas Day. While Kringle is a traditional Danish delicacy, it's actually savored worldwide. O&H Kringle has

been shipped to more than 100 countries and has made landfall in all seven continents – including Antarctica!

"The holiday season is the most magical time of year for our family. It's such a privilege to spread cheer and be a part of family traditions across the country. As a family-owned business started by my great-grandfather, an immigrant from Denmark, traditions rooted in our heritage mean so much to us, and we pass down their origin stories to each generation," says Eric Olesen, the third-generation co-owner of the Racine, Wisconsin-based bakery.

When it comes to traditions, the bakery remains steadfast in unveiling a new holiday flavor every December, its busiest season, making more than 7,000 Kringle every day. This year's "Christmas Fudge Kringle" is a riff on the traditional pastry. Featuring scratch-made premium dark chocolate filling, frosted in chocolate icing and garnished with Christmas nonpareils, it was inspired by O&H customers' favorite holiday cake, "Ohhhh Fudge! Layer Cake," the name of which comes from the movie, "A Christmas Story." To place your Kringle order for the holidays, visit ohdanishbakery.com.

Decorating the Tree

As you select your tree and decorate it with treasured ornaments, consider this tradition's long and storied history. Did you know that bringing trees into one's home during winter is a centuries-old tradition? The custom's exact origins are debatable – with some historians believing the ancient Egyptians first adopted the practice and others attributing its invention to pagan Europeans. However, the modern Christmas tree, much like we know it today, became a widespread practice throughout Europe beginning in the 16th century.

Fun Food Traditions

As a family-owned food business, it's no surprise that the Olesen family has a few of their own delicious holiday traditions. After dinner on Christmas Eve, they serve Risalamande, a Danish rice pudding dessert typically containing a whole almond. Serving as a fun Christmas-lottery, the one who finds the almond wins a small present. The bakers at O&H even created a Kringle, called A Very Danish Christmas Kringle, in honor of this dessert! Christmas morning,

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the family prepares Aebleskiver, which are Danish pancake balls commonly served with such toppings as lingonberries, powdered sugar and fruit preserves. O&H offers the pre-made mix and even the specialty pans for this purpose to those who want to try this at home. Visit their site for more information.

This holiday season, embrace holiday traditions. At the same time, don't be afraid to put new twists on these classics – whether it's livening up family recipes or buying new ornaments for your tree.



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Comfort Holiday Guests with a Satisfying Snack

(FAMILY FEATURES) When guests arrive for the holidays, handshakes and hugs are often the first order of business. However, a satisfying snack to tide hunger before the big meal is likely the next thought on everyone's mind.

Keeping your loved ones full and content can be done with apples, an ingredient that heightens the flavor and appearance of favorite recipes like Apple Stuffing Bites with Rosemary Gravy. This comforting dish can be shared among the crowd for an easy way to call everyone to the kitchen.

An option like Envoy Apples offer satisfying texture and taste with a consistently balanced, refreshing sweetness coupled with a crisp, elegant crunch. Perfect for small plates or use in recipes ranging from dinner to dessert, they also make for an easy snack when eaten fresh out of hand. A crimson red skin over a golden background practically glows, and their white flesh is naturally slow to brown when sliced for fresher flavor in sweet treats.

Visit EnvoyApple.com to find more holiday appetizers.

Apple Stuffing Bites with Rosemary Gravy

- 1 box stovetop stuffing
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 cups diced Envoy Apples
- 1/2 onion, diced small

Gravy:

- 3 tablespoons butter
 - 3 tablespoons flour
 - 2 cups beef broth
 - 2 teaspoons kosher salt
 - 20 turns fresh cracked pepper
 - 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
 - 1 tablespoon finely chopped rosemary
- Preheat broiler.

Cook stuffing according to package directions; set aside and allow to cool slightly.

In large sauté pan, melt butter sauté apples and onion until tender. Set aside

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Satisfying Holiday Snack

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to cool slightly.

Stir together stuffing and apple mixture. Spread stuffing on sheet tray and allow to cool in refrigerator.

After cooling, form stuffing into medium bites and place on sheet tray lined with parchment paper.

Broil bites 8-10 minutes until golden brown and slightly crispy.

To make gravy: In small pot, melt butter and whisk in flour. Cook flour 1 minute, whisking frequently.

Whisk in beef broth, salt, pepper and Worcestershire sauce; bring to boil, whisking frequently. Remove from heat and stir in rosemary. If desired, continue gently simmering gravy to thicken.

Arrange stuffing bites in serving dish and drizzle with gravy. Serve hot. ♦

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Unique Holiday Gift Ideas for Everyone on Your List

(STATEPOINT) One of the best ways to ensure you give thoughtful, meaningful holiday gifts is by consulting gift guides that offer unique ideas for everyone on your list. Whether you're shopping for a fashionista or an athlete, get inspired to make the holiday season brighter for your loved ones with the following ideas:

- **For book worms:** Give the book worms in your life a gift that keeps on giving with a three-month, six-month or 12-month subscription to Book of the Month. Membership can be tailored, as users can pick from five popular selections every month, select

one or more books at a time, or even defer their choice until the following month.

- **For music makers:** Regardless of their skill level, musicians deserve a powerful, portable and versatile keyboard. Designed for music lovers who enjoy playing anytime, anywhere, the Casiotone CT-S1 has a sleek design 9-pound design, features strap pins and can be powered with six AA batteries, making it a great choice for those in bands and other performers. Aside from its portability, its stereo grand piano sound, 61 full-size keys

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with touch response, plus 60 other AiX-powered studio-quality tones, means this instrument looks as good as it sounds. Wired or wirelessly, users can also link the keyboard to Casio's dedicated Chordana Play, an app that enables tempo and key changes in addition to displaying music scores and a piano roll. These features are great tools for those learning to play, those expanding their skills and experts alike.

• **For pet parents:** Whether your loved one's pet is cuddly or not, they can snuggle up to their animal friend with a personalized pet pillow from Get Photo Blanket. Simply upload an image of the pet, and the site will create a custom throw pillow — the perfect décor for adoring pet parents!

• **For fashionistas:** Great accessories can complete any outfit. For those who appreciate a stylish, clean design without compromising functionality, consider the stainless-steel EDIFICE EFSS570DC-1A from Casio, which features a slim case and modern gray octagonal bezel with soft yellow accents. With solar power capabilities, water resistance up to 100 meters and a scratch-resistant sapphire crystal, as well as features that include a date display, stopwatch and three dials to display seconds, stopwatch minutes and stopwatch seconds, this will become your gift recipient's go-to timepiece no matter the occasion.

• **For athletes:** From CrossFitters to marathoners to triathletes, all those who work out hard know that protein is essential for repairing muscles. Simplify your favorite athletes' post-workout refueling sessions and boost their recovery with a High Protein Fitness Box from gift snack box e-tailer, Bunny James.

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Gift Ideas for Bird Watchers and Gardeners

by Melinda Myers

GIVE A GIFT that provides beauty, entertainment and health benefits throughout the year. With the recent increase in people gardening and bird watching, what could be more perfect than a gift that supports both interests?

Birds visiting feeders, munching on the coneflower seeds in the garden and perching in the shelter of evergreens help brighten the long, often dreary days of winter. Just like gardening, bird watching helps us connect with nature, reduces stress and elevates our mood. Plus, the gardeners on your list will appreciate the help birds provide managing insect pests. Protein-rich insects and spiders are an essential part of the diet of 96 percent of North American terrestrial birds.

Growing a landscape filled with plants that provide seeds, berries and shelter is a great way to attract these welcome guests to our gardens. Providing additional sources of food, water and shelter can increase the number and diversity of the winged visitors.

Help your gift recipient create a bird feeding station so they can easily watch the birds and enjoy their songs. Include a variety of feeders suited to the birds they want to attract. Select feeders that are easy to fill and clean and protect seed from weather and squirrels.

You'll attract a wide range of birds with tray and platform feeders. Look for ones like the Gardener's Supply Twigs Platform Bird Feeder which has a cover to protect the seed from rain and snow



Roosting pockets provide some needed insulation for birds and are easy for them to enter and exit.

Melinda Myers, LLC

and a removable mesh floor for easy cleaning. Platform feeders like this, with excellent drainage, help minimize the risk of wet seed sprouting or supporting bacteria and fungi that can harm the birds. Help keep seeds safe and fresh with regular cleaning and by only providing enough seed for a day or two.

Hopper or house feeders protect seed against the weather and bird droppings. But if the seed gets wet, the closed environment is perfect for bacteria and fungi to thrive. Plus, they are more difficult to clean.

Tube feeders are cylinders with perches and feeding ports. Those with perches above the openings attract birds like goldfinches and chickadees that can feed upside down. Those with small perches discourage large birds from

feeding. Select tube feeders with small ports for smaller seeds like Nyjer thistle and ones with larger openings for large seeds.

Look for ones with wire surrounds to keep out squirrels and those that are easy to clean like the Gardener's Supply Cleaver Clean Tube Feeder with a removable bottom. Reduce problems on other tube feeders by blocking the bottom of the tube that extends below the lowest feeding port. Seed and water can collect there, increasing the risk of fungi and bacteria.

Clean feeders regularly with a 10 percent non-chlorine bleach solution, commercial birdfeeder cleaner or mild solution of unscented dishwashing soap. Wash the inside and outside of the

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feeder, perches and feeding ports. Once cleaned, rinse with clear water and dry before refilling.

Provide some shelter from wind, snow, rain and predators for birds spending the winter in your landscape. Supplement what trees and shrubs provide by including a few roosting boxes and pockets. Gardener's Supply fair trade roosting pockets (gardeners.com) are attractive, easy to hang, provide some needed insulation and are easy for birds to enter and exit.

Make sure to provide water throughout the year. Those in colder climates will need to add a heater, bubbler or aerator to prevent the water from freezing. Providing fresh water reduces the calories and body heat a bird uses when melting snow and ice.

Select a birdbath that can be left outside year-round to avoid cracks and leaks as water freezes and place it in a sunny area. Add a few stones so the birds can take a sip without getting totally wet. Keep these clean just as you do during warmer months.

Looking for more ideas? Help your favorite birder prepare for the nesting season with a gift of one or more birdhouses. These make attractive additions to any landscape while providing more homes for visiting songbirds.

When selecting the right gift for your favorite bird watcher or gardener consider creating or expanding your own bird-friendly landscape. A small investment in creating a bird habitat reaps wonderful benefits all year round. ♦

Melinda Myers is the author of over 20 gardening books, including The Midwest Gardener's Handbook and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Her web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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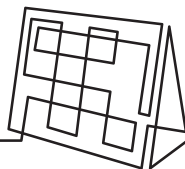
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LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY

Candlelight Walk in the Redwoods. Sat., Dec. 11, 6 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. This year the virtual nighttime walk down trails in Prairie Creek Redwood State Park lit by over 500 luminaria will be broadcast live from the park. \$25/family.

English Express: An English Language Class for Adults. Ongoing. Virtual World, Internet, Online. This class offers pronunciation, speaking, reading, writing, vocabulary, verb conjugations and common expressions. All levels welcome. Join anytime. Free. www.englishexpressempowered.com.

Fortuna Community Chat with The Ferndale Enterprise Publisher & Editor.

Mon., Dec. 6, noon. Virtual World, Internet, Online. Join the Fortuna Chamber Monday Mixer via Zoom to learn what the future holds for this 143-year-old newspaper. Pitch stories, ask questions and share opinions with editor Thadeus Greenson and publisher Melissa Sanderson.

Holiday Photo Contest and Summary of Winter Bird Counts. Fri., Dec. 10, 7-8 p.m. Join Redwood Region Audubon Society

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Board Member Andrew Orahoske and guests for a program covering all five regional Christmas bird counts and other upcoming winter bird surveys, plus an interactive photo contest with prizes. Zoom link online. Free. andrew.rras@gmail.com. www.rras.org/home.aspx.

Humboldt Grace Fire Recovery Project Auction. Local art, destination getaways, beauty products, tools, and more. Raising funds to help communities rebuild with vouchers from local companies for fire victims who are landowners, homesteaders, small business owners, small farmers and/or a local organizations in the Emerald Triangle. Free. lele@humboldtgrace.org. www.event.auctria.com/69ba905f-e1c6-42cb-b53c-64a81e42ce67/. (707) 672-4254.

Live from Behind the Redwood Curtain. Ongoing, 3-3:30 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. California State Parks' North Coast Redwoods District is broadcasting programs featuring tall trees and rugged seas from state parks via Facebook. Free. www.facebook.com/NorthCoastRedwoods.

MARZ Project. Tuesdays-Fridays, 12-5 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. Humboldt and Del Norte county youth ages 12 to 26 learn to express themselves creatively in visual art, audio and video production. All MARZ students have free access to equipment, software and training. Meets via Zoom by appointment. Free. marzproject@inkpeople.org. (707) 442-8413.

Sistahood. Saturdays, 9:30-11 a.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. For women teenagers and older on Zoom, to build healthy relationships and strengthen ties through validation and affirmation. Music from 9:30 a.m., open conversation from 9:45 a.m., meditation with the Sista Prayer Warriors from 10:45 a.m.

Ujima Parent Peer Support. Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. For BIPOC families. See the HC Black Music and Arts Association

Facebook page for more information. hblackmusicnarts@gmail.com.

Upper Lake Christmas Cruise. Sat., Dec. 4, 6:30 p.m. Main Street, Upper Lake, Upper Lake. Holiday lighted parade.

Virtual Junior Rangers. Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. North Coast Redwoods District of California State Parks offers kids' programs and activities about coast redwoods, marine protected areas and more, plus Junior Ranger badges. Register online and watch live. www.bit.ly/NCRDVirtualJuniorRanger.

Volunteer Orientation Food for People. Mondays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. and Thursdays, 3-4 p.m. Help fight hunger and improve nutrition in the community. Visit the website to be invited to a Zoom orientation. Free. volunteer@foodforpeople.org. www.foodforpeople.org/volunteering. (707) 445-3166 ext. 310.

Curry County

ARTS & CULTURE

Wild Rivers Symphony Winter Concert. Mon., Dec. 6, 7 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1200 Easy St., Brookings. The Wild Rivers Symphony orchestra performs festive classical music for the holidays. Purchase advance tickets online. \$12, \$10 advance. www.WildRiversSymphony.org.

LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY

Brookings-Harbor Farmers Market. Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Brookings-Harbor Farmers Market, 15786 U.S. Highway 101, South Brookings. Produce, artisan foods, baked goods, grass-fed beef, crafts and more. Look for the big white tents. Open year-round, rain or shine.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast. Second Sunday of every month, 8-10:30 a.m. Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 820 Old County Road, Brookings. Every second Sunday of the month. \$8.

Natures Coastal Holiday Festival of

Lights. 5-9 p.m. Azalea State Park, Brookings, Brookings. Holiday light show going thru Christmas. More than 2 million lights and over 90 2D- and 3D-sculptures. \$3, free for kids under 12.

Del Norte County

ARTS & CULTURE

Curtis Salgado in Concert. Fri., Dec. 3, 7-9:30 p.m. Tolowa Event Center, 350 N Indian Road, Smith River. Legendary blues performer. \$15, \$18, \$20. office@dnaca.net. www.dnaca.eventbrite.com.

Wild Rivers Symphony Winter Concert. Sun., Dec. 5, 3 p.m. Crescent Elk Auditorium, 994 G St, Crescent City. The Wild Rivers Symphony orchestra performs festive classical music for the holidays. Purchase advance tickets online at www.WildRiversSymphony.org. \$12, \$10 advance. www.WildRiversSymphony.org.

LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY

Ocean Air Farms Farm Stand. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Ocean Air Farms, 2420 Moorehead Road, Crescent City. Roadside farm stand offering home-grown organic veggies and produce.

Trinity County

LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY

First Saturday Art Walk. Sat., Dec. 4, 5-8 p.m. Historic Downtown Weaverville, Weaverville. Art, including receptions for featured artists, refreshments, music and activities on the first Saturday of each month.

Humboldt County

ARTS & CULTURE

"Evening of Dance" and "Choreography Showcase". Fri., Dec. 10, 7 p.m. Van Duzer Theatre, Humboldt State University, Arcata. The School of Dance, Music and Theatre at Humboldt State University presents Evening of Dance and Choreography Showcase. These original programs, created by students and faculty, offer a diverse selection of styles for all ages. Free. (707) 826-3566.

A Christmas Carol, A Live Radio Play. Dec. 3-4, 8 p.m. Ferndale Repertory Theatre, 447 Main St. This adaptation of the classic story of the redemption of Ebenezer Scrooge and the spirit(s) of the holiday is based on live concert performance readings by Mr. Dickens. www.ferndalerep.org.

Arts Alive. First Saturday of every month, 6-9 p.m. Historic Old Town Eureka, Second Street. Art, and a heap of it, plus live music. All around Old Town and Downtown, Eureka. Wear masks indoors and outdoors. Free. www.eureka-mainstreet.org. (707) 442-9054.

Arts! Arcata. Second Saturday of every month, 4-7 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Art, music and more art in downtown Arcata, surrounding area and online. Due to COVID-19, there is no gathering. Keep safe distances, wear facial coverings and observe guidelines in each location. Free. arcatamainstreet@gmail.com. www.arcatamainstreet.com. (707) 822-4500.

CloZee Neon Jungle Tour. Thu., Dec. 9, 8:30 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. EDM. Doors at 9 p.m., 21+. \$28 Fan Club, \$30 limited advance. www.arcata-theatre.com.

Dances of Brazil. Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., Arcata. Learn Brazilian dances with instructors Rocío Cristal and María Vanderhorst. All levels. Limited to five people. Register online. \$15. [talavera.rocio@gmail.com](mailto:rocio@gmail.com).

Eureka Symphony w/Guest Soloist Carson McHaney. Fri., Dec. 3, 8 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 4, 8 p.m. Arkley Center for the Performing Arts, 412 G St., Eureka. McHaney, violin, performs Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* and Bach's *Double Concerto* with Terrie Baune. The symphony will perform Ernest Bloch's "Concerto Grosso No. 2." Call for tickets. COVID-19 vaccine proof checked at door for all attendees, masks required. www.eurekasymphony.org/. (707) 845-3655.

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HSU Calypso Band, Percussion Ensemble, and World Percussion Group Concert.

Sat., Dec. 4, 8-10 p.m. Fulkerson Recital Hall, Humboldt State University, Arcata. The ensembles, directed by Eugene Novotney and Howard Kaufman, perform for the first time in more than two years. \$10, \$5 child, \$5 for HSU students with ID. mus@humboldt.edu. www.music.humboldt.edu/upcoming. (707) 826-3566.

HSU Jazz Combos Concert. Sun., Dec. 5, 8-10 p.m. Fulkerson Recital Hall, Humboldt State University, Arcata. A collection of jazz combos that include vibes, bass, drums and guitar. \$10, \$5 child, Free for HSU students with ID. mus@humboldt.edu. www.music.humboldt.edu/upcoming. (707) 826-3566.

HSU Jazz Orchestra Concert. Sat., Dec. 11, 8-10 p.m. Fulkerson Recital Hall, Humboldt State University, Arcata. Big Band sounds of contemporary jazz and favorite jazz standards from the orchestra, led by Dan Aldag. \$10, \$5 child, free for HSU students with ID. mus@humboldt.edu. www.music.humboldt.edu/upcoming. (707) 826-3566.

HSU Madrigal Singers and Mad River Transit Singers Concert. Sun., Dec. 5, 2-4 p.m. Fulkerson Recital Hall, Humboldt State University, Arcata. The Madrigal Singers and Mad River Transit Singers perform an eclectic program of choral music ranging from the Renaissance through contemporary jazz. \$10, \$5 child, Free for HSU students with ID. mus@humboldt.edu. www.music.humboldt.edu. (707) 826-3566.

HSU University Singers and Humboldt Chorale Concert. Fri., Dec. 10, 8-10 p.m. Fulkerson Recital Hall, Humboldt State University, Arcata. The Humboldt State University School of Dance, Music, and Theatre presents "How Can I Keep From Singing?" an evening of uplifting and inspiring choral music. \$10, \$5 child, free for HSU students with ID. mus@humboldt.edu. www.music.humboldt.edu/upcoming. (707) 826-3566.

HSU Wind Ensemble Concert. Fri., Dec. 3, 8-10 p.m. Fulkerson Recital Hall, Humboldt State University, Arcata. The HSU Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Paul Cummings, performs arrangements and transcriptions of favorite classical works. The concert begins with a lively brass sextet, led by Fred Tempas and comprised of players from the Wind Ensemble. \$10, \$5 child, free for HSU students with ID. mus@humboldt.edu. www.music.humboldt.edu/upcoming. (707) 826-3566.

Jeff DeMark and Inscrutable Rabbit Benefit Show for Humboldt Hot Air. Sun., Dec. 12, 2 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. Benefit show for Arcata's newest online radio station, with original stories and songs. All audience members must show proof of vaccination and wear a mask. \$12. info@arcataplayhouse.org. www.arcataplayhouse.org/events/jeff-demark-and-inscrutable-rabbit-benefit-show-for-humboldt-hot-air/. (707) 822-1575.

Storywalk. Historic Old Town Eureka, Second Street. Stroll along and window shop with your child as you read *The Night Before the Night before Christmas* by local author Natasha Wing. The pages of the book will be displayed in store windows along Second Street. www.eurekamainstreet.org.

The Jig and Thistle Radio Hour Holiday Show. Fri., Dec. 3, 7 p.m., Sat., Dec. 4, 7 p.m., Sun., Dec. 5, 2 p.m., Fri., Dec. 10, 7 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 11, 7 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. A radio show with a live studio audience, set in the wintery wonderland of Alberta, Canada. Featuring variety acts, community guests, local music and blowing snow. In-person and live streamed from the playhouse on Humboldt Hot Air on Friday, Dec. 10. \$10, \$5 kids, \$25 family ticket. info@arcataplayhouse.org. www.arcataplayhouse.org/events/the-jig-and-thistle-radio-hour-holiday-show. 822-1575.

The Nutcracker. Fri., Dec. 10, 7-8:30 p.m., Sat., Dec. 11, 2-3:30 p.m. and Sun., Dec.

12, 2-3:30 p.m. Arkley Center for the Performing Arts, 412 G St., Eureka. North Coast Dance presents the holiday tradition for the whole family back live on stage. reception.ncd@gmail.com. 707-442-7779.

Waiting for Godot. Fri., Dec. 3, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Sat., Dec. 4, 7:30-10 p.m., Sun., Dec. 5, 2-4:30 p.m., Fri., Dec. 10, 7:30-10 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 11, 7:30-10 p.m. Synapsis, 1675 Union Street, Eureka. Creekside Arts presents Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot*. Marceau Verdier will be showing recent paintings at Synapsis during the run of the play. Ticket sales will benefit the Synapsis Collective. \$15-\$25. synapsiseureka@gmail.com. www.synapsisperformance.com/. (707) 616-3104.

Zoso - The Ultimate Tribute to Led Zeppelin. Sun., Dec. 5, 8 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. All ages. Doors at 7 p.m. Tickets at arcatatheatre.com. \$24, \$20 advance. www.arcatatheatre.com.

LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY

Abbey of the Redwoods Flea Market.

First Saturday of every month, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Grace Good Shepherd Church, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Local arts, products, goods. Free entry.

Al Gray Memorial Electric Lighted Parade

Fortuna. Fri., Dec. 10, 6:30 p.m. Fortuna Main Street, Main Street. The parade begins and ends downtown on Main Street in conjunction with the Downtown Holiday Open House.

Arcata Marsh Birding Tour. Sat., Dec. 11, 8:30-11 a.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, South I Street. Join Redwood Region Audubon Society leader Jude Power at the end of South I Street and bring your binoculars. COVID-19 participation guidelines online. RSVP by text. Free. thebook@reninet.com. www.rras.org/home.aspx. (707) 499-1247.

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bring your binoculars. COVID-19 participation guidelines online. RSVP by text. Free. thebook@reninet.com. www.rras.org/home.aspx. (707) 499-1247.

Arcata Plaza Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Every Saturday Humboldt County farmers bring their non-GMO bounty, rain or shine. EBT accepted and Market Match is offered. Information and COVID rules online. Free. info@northcoastgrowersassociation.org. www.northcoastgrowersassociation.org. (707) 441-9999.

Arcata Vets Hall Sunday Brunch. First Sunday of every month, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Arcata Veterans Hall, 1425 J St. Dine-in (outside, weather permitting) or take-out. Tots and egg scramble, sausage, bacon, pancakes, oatmeal, fruit, vegan options and complimentary juice, tea and Kinetic Koffee. Proceeds benefit local youth programs, veteran programs and support of the hall. \$2-\$15. LegionPrograms@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/ArcataVetshall. (707) 601-6619.

Artisan Faire. Fri., Dec. 3, 5-8 p.m. Arcata High School, 1720 M St. Handmade, one-of-a-kind items including evergreen holiday decorations made by FFA, laser engraved items made in AHS' Maker Space, art, photography, stickers and buttons made by Arcata Arts Institute students. In the Fine Arts Building. Free admission. artsinstitute.net/.

Audubon Guided Birding Tour. Sun., Dec. 12, 9-11 a.m. Hookton Slough Unit, Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Loleta. Join leader Ralph Bucher on a 2-mile walk on a wide, flat, packed gravel trail. COVID-19 participation guidelines online. RSVP by text or email. Free. thebook@reninet.com. www.rras.org/home.aspx. (707) 499-1247.

Bayside Holiday Market. Thursdays-Saturdays, 12-7 p.m. and Sundays, 12-4 p.m. Bayside Community Hall, 2297 Jacoby Creek Road. Holiday Market featuring almost 30 artisans and crafters. www.baysidecommunityhall.org.

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Bike and Hike Day. First Saturday of every month. Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, 127011 Newton B Drury, Orick. Enjoy the parkway through the redwoods the first Saturday of every month Oct. through May while it's closed to motor vehicles. Leashed dogs welcome. Free.

Christmas Brass Bands. Saturdays, 12-3 p.m. Ferndale Main Street, Ferndale. Christmas Brass Bands comprised of members of the Scotia Band (a saxophone quartet and brass ensemble) stroll Main Street for your holiday entertainment playing traditional Christmas favorites.

Christmas Caroling at the Clarke. Sat., Dec. 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Clarke Historical Museum, Third and E streets, Eureka. Carolers led by David Powell bring holiday cheer to Clarke Plaza. Donald Forest and Michael Fields read from *A Child's Christmas in Wales* at the museum. The THA Trolley will be out front for festive photo ops. Fat Cat Bakery cinnamon rolls and hot drinks available for purchase, benefiting the Clarke. Free. dana.f@clarkemuseum.org. www.clarkemuseum.org. (707) 443-1947.

Christmas Tree Lighting. Sun., Dec. 5, 5:30 p.m. Ferndale Main Street, Ferndale. Ferndale's volunteer firefighters deck the tallest living lighted Christmas tree. Free hot cocoa and homemade cookies. A tradition since 1934. Free.

Downtown Holiday Open House. Fri., Dec. 10, 6 p.m. Fortuna Main Street, Main Street.

Dune Restoration Work Days. Second Saturday of every month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane, Manila. Help restore the dune ecosystem of the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center by removing invasive plants. Training in plant identification and removal provided. COVID-19 safety practices in place. Wear masks while gathered and practice social distancing.

Free. dante@friendsofthedunes.org. www.friendsofthedunes.org/dert-days. (707) 444-1397.

Exploring Eureka's Urban Interface. Sun., Dec. 12, 9 a.m.-noon. City of Eureka, Humboldt County. Join Redwood Region Audubon Society field trip leader Jim Clark for a visit to a site including redwood/spruce forest with recent and historic logging, a historical farm and slough, a unique barn and plant invasion. Email for meeting location and to reserve your spot. clarkjimw@gmail.com. rras.org/home.aspx.

Fire Relief Donation Drive. Thursdays, 2-5 p.m. Arcata Veterans Hall, 1425 J St. Updated list of needs and a monetary donation site online. legionprograms@gmail.com. www.battlenhomefronts.org. (707) 610-6619.

FOAM Marsh Tour. Sat., Dec. 11, 2 p.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. Meet leader Ken Burton in the lobby for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk focusing on birds, plants, and/or marsh ecology. Masks are required inside but optional outdoors. Free. 826-2359.

FOAM Marsh Tour. Sat., Dec. 4, 2 p.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. Meet leader Elliott Dabill in the lobby for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk focusing on marsh ecology. Masks are required inside but optional outdoors. Free. (707) 826-2359.

Holiday Boutique. Sat., Dec. 11, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Redway Elementary, 344 Humboldt Ave. Local artisans and small business entrepreneurs will be selling their wares at the 21st annual event. Plus, silent auction, holiday music, food and drinks. Face masks must be worn inside the gym. Free admission/parking. www.facebook.com/events/586480452430965?ref=newsfeed.

Holiday Extravaganza. Fri., Dec. 3, 1-8 p.m., Sat., Dec. 4, 1-8 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 5, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Redwood Acres

Fairgrounds, 3750 Harris St., Eureka. Craft and local vendor fair. Free admission. www.redwoodacres.com.

Holiday Sunday Art Market. Sundays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Featuring local art vendors, live music, downtown businesses, the Awesome Arcata Coupon Book and fun holiday activities.

Homemade Holiday Market & Snowfall. Sat., Dec. 11, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Coastal Grove Charter School, 1897 S Street, Arcata. Join Coastal Grove Charter School for handmade and homemade gifts by local craft and art vendors as well as music, food, beverages, holiday baked goods and pies. Live music at 2 p.m., snow fall and photos with the Snow Queen and guests at 5:30 p.m. \$1-\$2 suggested donation. boannthequiet@gmail.com.. www.facebook.com/events/638326177175864. (707) 223-1613.

Hospitality Night Open House. Fri., Dec. 3, 5-9 p.m. Ferndale Main Street, Ferndale. The Victorian Village welcomes friends to a lively evening block party. Merchants stay open until 9 p.m. to serve up cheer along with free beverages and goodies. Please wear masks inside stores. Free.

Humboldt Flea Market. First Sunday of every month, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. New location. Masks and safe social distancing required. Browse antiques, collectibles, tools, records, clothes, crafts, pies, jams and more. \$2, free for anyone under the age of 13.

Loleta Holiday Craft Fair. Dec. 11-12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Loleta Fireman's Pavilion, Old Loleta Road. Peruse local makers' wares.

Portuguese Beans and Linguica Dinner. Sun., Dec. 5, 4-7 p.m. Ferndale Portuguese Hall, Fifth Street and Ocean Avenue. Meals will be available for take out and public health-approved indoor dining is available. Masks are required and guests must maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from those not in their

immediate family or dining party. \$15, \$7 children ages 5-12.

Salty Santa Boat Parade. Sun., Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m. Madaket Plaza, Foot of C Street, Eureka. Join the Commercial Fishermen's Wives of Humboldt in greeting Salty Santa as he arrives via tugboat. Viewing is best from the Eureka Waterfront between the Madaket Plaza and F Street Plaza. Santa available for photos. Please practice social distancing.

Season of Wonder & Light. Sat., Dec. 4. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Enjoy lighted trees and decorations, dancing elves, hot cider, cookies and candy canes. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive in a vintage Arcata Fire engine. May cancel or postpone depending on county COVID guidelines. Free. info@arcatamainstreet.com. www.arcatamainstreet.com. (707) 822-4500.

Stewardship Work Days. Sat., Dec. 4, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Trinidad Coastal Land Trust, 380 Janis Court. Help care for the coast

you love with invasive English ivy and Scotch broom removal, and beach trail maintenance between the Little River and Big Lagoon. Email to sign up. Free. michelle@trinidadcoastallandtrust.org. www.trinidadcoastallandtrust.org.

Taste of the Holidays At Home. Sat., Dec. 4, 12-2:30 p.m. The Griffin, 937 10th St., Arcata. Enjoy a variety of local holiday treats and beverages at home, packaged for curbside pickup Dec. 4 from noon to 2:30 p.m. Order online. Proceeds benefit Backpacks for Kids, scholarships and community service projects. \$70. www.arcatasunrise.org.

Teen Court Volunteer Training. Thu., Dec. 9, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods, 939 Harris St., Eureka. Learn to be a peer helper and make a difference in another teen's life. For eighth to twelfth graders. Email, call or text to reserve a spot. Free. hcteenecourt@bgcredwoods.org. (707) 444-0153.

Trinidad Flea-Art. First Saturday of every

month, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St. For info or to become a vendor, call Penny Gunn. (707) 834-8720.

Trivia Night. Every other Wednesday, 6-8 p.m. The Madrone Taphouse, 421 Third St., Eureka. Reel Genius Trivia hosts. Free. www.reelgeniustrivia.com.

Truckers Parade. Sat., Dec. 11, 6 p.m. Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, 3750 Harris St., Eureka. The 33rd annual parade of decorated trucks, rigs, cars, boats and floats travels from Redwood Acres Fairgrounds down Harris Street to I Street, then Seventh Street to Myrtle Avenue and back to Redwood Acres. Free. www.redwoodacres.com.

U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree Tree Skirt Replica. Mondays. Redwood Art Association Gallery, 603 F St., Eureka. Replica of the tree skirt by members from Moonstone Quilters, Eel River Valley Quilt Guild and the Redwood

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Empire Quilters Guild for the 2021 Capitol Christmas tree.

Vintage Holiday Boutique. Sat., Dec. 4, 12-7 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 5, 12-7 p.m. Annie B. Ryan House and Gardens, 1000 F St., Eureka. Peruse gifts and a silent auction. Food and drinks available for purchase. Heritage Society members can shop early Saturday at 11 a.m. Memberships available. eurekaheritagesociety@gmail.com. eurekaheritage.com. 707-445-8775.

Winter Arts Faire. Sat., Dec. 11, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 12, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mateel Community Center, 59 Rusk Lane, Redway. This time-honored family event features handmade artisan booths, live music, festive food and drink and children's activities, including a visit from Santa. Masks required. \$5, free to kids 12 and under, adults 65 and over and members. www.mateel.org.

Women & Girls Birdwatching Walk. Sun., Dec. 5, 9-11 a.m. Arcata Bottoms V Street Loop, 3711-3001 Old Samoa Road. Join Redwood Region Audubon Society field trip leaders Jaime Carlino and Laura Echávez for this raptor-centric walk led by women birders for women and girls. Email for reservations and meeting location. Free. janelle.choj@gmail.com. www.rras.org/home.aspx.

Mendocino County

ARTS & CULTURE

Amble & Ramble Walking Book Club. Wed., Dec. 8, 1-2 p.m. Todd Grove Park, 600 Live Oak Ave, Ukiah. Come chat with other adults (21 and up) about any book you are reading while getting in some steps. All attendees will be asked to wear a mask if social distancing is not possible outdoors. Contact 463-4490 or carrm@mendocinocounty.org to sign up.

Mendocino Community Jam. First Sunday of every month, 3-5 p.m. Community Center of Mendocino, 998 School St. A gathering of people who enjoy creating music with others. We'll go around the circle and when it's your turn, you can



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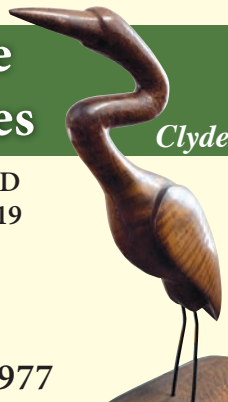
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lead a song, choose a song and ask others to lead it, or pass. Feel free to bring songs to share. The *Rise Up Singing* books are full of good songs. Instruments welcome. Free.

The Holiday, Small Works Show.

Mondays. Willits Center For the Arts, 71 E Commercial St. This year's collection of 30 artists covers paintings, sculpture, fabric arts, handmade ornaments and more.

LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY

Festival of Lights 2021. Fridays-Sundays, 5-7 p.m. Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens, 18220 North Highway 1, Fort Bragg. The gardens transform into a spectacular show of glittering color. Masks are required indoors and outdoors regardless of vaccination status. Please dress for winter weather and stay on lighted paths. No dogs, children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Purchase tickets in advance online. \$10 (purchase in advance), free for kids 16

and under. www.gardenbythesea.org/calendar/fol.

First Friday Art Walk. First Friday of every month, 5-8 p.m. Downtown Ukiah, Ukiah. Join artists and their hosts for an evening of art, music and refreshments as you stroll from one venue to the next; each showcasing local art and artistry.

Fort Bragg Farmers Market. Wednesdays, 2-4:30 p.m. Fort Bragg Farmers Market, N Franklin St. & E Laurel St. Seasonal fruits, vegetables, organic and free range beef and pork and eggs, wild-caught local fish and seafood, artisan goat cheese, sweets, breads, flowers and plants. Plus, hot food, live music.

Historic Walking Tours of Mendocino.

Saturdays, Sundays. Guest House Museum, 343 N Main St., Fort Bragg. Join local history experts on a two-hour walk through Mendocino's famous Historic District. Book via email. Face coverings required. Well-behaved dogs allowed but must remain outside at some stops. \$50

for up to four people, \$75 for party of six. tours@KelleyHouseMuseum.org.

Monday Mushroom Walks. Mondays, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens, 18220 North Highway 1, Fort Bragg. Take a guided tour of the MCBG Mushroom Collection. The Gardens is home to more than 160 species of wild mushrooms during fall and winter. Reservations and mask required. www.gardenbythesea.org.

Ukiah Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-noon. Alex Thomas Plaza, School and Clay streets, Ukiah.

Lake County

LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY

Kelseyville Christmas in the Country.

Fri., Dec. 3, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Downtown Kelseyville, Main Street. Line up for the holiday parade of lights.

Lakeport Farmers Market. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin St., Lakeport. Rain or shine. ♦



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1. Box (in)
4. Beach souvenir?
7. On the house
14. "I love," in Latin
15. "Dude!"
16. Europe's ___ Peninsula
17. Veep before LBJ
18. "Casablanca" pianist
19. The Jonas Brothers get "hit by this" in a 2008 song (Happy passenger)
20. What snobs put on
22. Put up a fight
24. Guinness, e.g.
26. "I'm such a fool!"
27. Word on mail from Spain
31. Oscar winner who said "You shouldn't dream your film, you should make it" (Less happy passenger)
34. Paris : Mme. :: Madrid : ___
35. Home for a 36-Across
36. Resident of a 35-Across
37. "The Silence of the Lambs" org.
40. Like some elections
43. Jeanne d'Arc, for one: Abbr.
44. Boot
46. Rank above maj.
47. "Lady Marmalade" singer with Pink, Lil' Kim, and Christina Aguilera
49. "That's got to be a joke!" (Least happy passenger, no doubt)
55. Not handwritten
56. "Can't Help Lovin' ___ Man"

("Show Boat" song)

57. It's new in Rome
58. Economic warfare tactic
61. "The Clan of the Cave Bear" novelist
62. It's represented — in a variety of ways — in 19-, 31- and 49-Across
65. Earth, e.g.
67. Longtime sponsor in NASCAR events
68. Huffington of the Huffington Post
69. Center of gravity?
70. Landing info, briefly
71. 1996 Mario Puzo novel, with "The"
72. III, to Jr.
73. Like Mars

DOWN

1. Torment
2. NFL career rushing leader Smith
3. U.S. president Liberia named its capital city after
4. TV channel with the slogan "Very Funny"
5. ___-American
6. Wanderers
7. More foul-mouthed
8. Silver coin of ancient Greece
9. Let slip
10. Lyricist of "Cabaret" and "Chicago"
11. Poke fun at
12. Word on many fragrance bottles

13. Grade school subj.

21. Some 4WD rides
23. Best price
25. Semester, e.g.
28. Roger of "Cheers"
29. Part of QED
30. Brute
32. Antidiscrimination org.
33. As a friend, in French
37. Four-time Indy 500 winner
38. Elevate
39. "The jig ___"
41. "It's your world... I'm just livin' in it!"
42. Loretta who sang "Coal Miner's Daughter"

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45. Arboreal African rodent
48. Fuego extinguisher
50. Astronomer Halley
51. Statehouse officials: Abbr.
52. Cat on the prowl
53. "Community" actress ___ Nicole Brown
54. Stationery store purchase
59. He sings close to the Edge
60. Bicolor snack
62. Kobe Bryant's team, on scoreboards
63. Follower of Bush or Clinton
64. They're not vets yet
66. Big ___

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HOME COUNTRY

By Slim Randles



I was recently invited to join Bob Milford, manager of the prestigious Diamond W Ranch, on a drive-around tour of the place. It's a huge, private ranch, with tiny ex-logging roads winding around through 13,000 acres of pine trees and rocks. A real paradise.

But I was horrified to see wooden street signs nailed to trees wherever two of these old logging trails came together.

"Oh no," I said, out loud.

"What's the matter?" Bob asked.

"I see you're planning a subdivision here."

Bob started laughing when I pointed at the signs. "Those are for the owners," he explained. "They live Back East and visit here one weekend a year. When they get out here, they take the pickup and drive around and get lost.

"Once I got a call on the cell phone from the owner, who said he was lost and couldn't find his way back to the house. So I asked him where he was and he said he was right there, sitting on a rock and close to a pine tree."

He chuckled. "That narrowed it down to about 13,000 acres. Well, I managed to find him, and after that, I put these signs up. I tell them now, if they get lost, to drive until they come to Home Road and then head downhill. It solved the problem."



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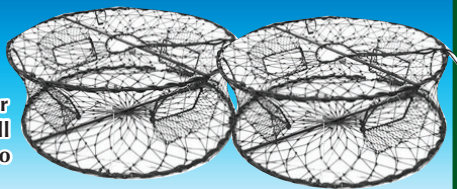
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